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1. The Soviet Control Commission has placed an order with the Waggonbau Görlitz plant of VVB LOWA for the construction of approximately 1,000 railroad flatcars of the six-axle type to transport tanks. Construction, however, has not as yet been fully undertaken because of administrative difficulties within VVB LOWA.
2. Seven flatcars of the type ordered have been recently completed.* These seven cars, however, were reportedly not constructed with steel of the correct type.** They were turned over to the DDR Reichsbahndirektion for further testing, which is currently being undertaken, although the Reichsbahn refused to sign the acceptance certificate in view of the faulty steel construction.

* [] Comment: They were presumably built by the LOWA, Görlitz firm.)

** [] Comment: [] was unable to give the specifications for the steel construction.)

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